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**FINDINGS OF THE COLUMBIA ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION BOARD,
A BRIEFING BY BOARD MEMBER AND GW PROFESSOR JOHN LOGSDON
SEPTEMBER 11**

EVENT: John Logsdon, director of The George Washington University Space Policy Institute at the Elliott School of International Affairs and member of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board, will brief guests and answer questions about the findings and recommendations made by the board on August 26.

WHEN: Thursday, September 11, 2003
12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Elliott School of International Affairs
1957 E Street, NW, Room 602
Washington, D.C.
(Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

COST: This briefing is free and open to the public.

BACKGROUND:

Logsdon, a leading expert on the civilian space program, was asked in March of this year to join the Columbia Accident Investigation Board, an independent panel investigating the loss of the space shuttle Columbia on February 1. The board's final report was issued on August 26. Logsdon will discuss the board's findings and recommendations and answer questions about the report and the future of the space shuttle and U.S. space program.

Logsdon began teaching at GW in 1970 and is the founder and director of the Elliott School's Space Policy Institute. He also is professor of political science and international affairs at the Elliott School. Logsdon holds a B.S. in physics from Xavier University (1960) and a Ph.D. in political science from New York University (1970). His research interests focus on the policy and historical aspects of U.S. and international space activities. A recipient of the NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal, Logsdon is a member of the NASA Advisory Council and the Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee of the Department of Transportation.

GW's Space Policy Institute is one of the few places in the world providing focused research and analysis attention to space policy issues and offering graduate courses in space policy.

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“HOPE NOT HATE”

**GW HOSTS A TOWN HALL MEETING ON U.S. - ISLAMIC RELATIONS
SEPTEMBER 12**

EVENT: The George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs will host “Hope Not Hate,” a town hall meeting on U.S.-Islamic relations designed to promote a broad and inclusive dialogue on how the United States and the Islamic world can work together to stem growing conflict and hatred.

SPEAKERS:

Hafez Al-Mirazi, Washington bureau chief for Al-Jazeera Television

Husain Haqqani, a leading journalist and diplomat. He currently is a visiting scholar at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Karl Inderfurth, professor at the GW's Elliott School, served as assistant secretary of state for South Asian affairs (1997-2001) and as U.S. representative for special political affairs to the United Nations, where he also served as deputy U.S. representative on the U.N. Security Council (1993-1997)

William Nash is the John Vessey Senior Fellow and director of the Center for Preventive Action at the Council on Foreign Relations. Major General Nash, USA (Ret.), has extensive experience in peacekeeping operations.

WHEN: Friday, September 12, 2003
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WHERE: The George Washington University
Elliott School of International Affairs, Room 213
1957 E Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

COST: This event is free and open to the public.
Seats are available on a first come, first-served basis.

BACKGROUND:

This national initiative to promote dialogue on healing the relationship between the United States and the Islamic World will take place in 15 universities across the country. The goal of these programs is to facilitate dialogue on how the United States and the Islamic world can work together to stem growing hatred and violence. “Hope Not Hate,” is an initiative by the Institute for International Mediation and Conflict Resolution, Americans for Informed Democracy and Dialogues: Islamic World-U.S.-The West.

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**THE SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT OF GW's GELMAN LIBRARY
PRESENTS: "CAPITOL HILL RESTORATION SOCIETY"
SEPTEMBER 29-DECEMBER 19**

Exhibit Highlights Preservation Society's Work in D.C.'s Capitol Hill Neighborhood

EVENT: "Capitol Hill Restoration Society," an exhibit at The George Washington University's Gelman Library. The exhibit describes the work of the Capitol Hill Restoration Society and focuses on issues of concern for the organization since its inception. The topics highlighted in the exhibit include the Barney Circle Freeway Modification Project, Eastern Market renovations, the Old Providence Hospital site and the U.S. Marine Barracks.

WHEN: September 29-December 19, 2003
Collection Hours: Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by special appointment

WHERE: The George Washington University
The Gelman Library, Special Collections Department, Room 207
2130 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C.
(Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)

COST: Free and open to the public.

BACKGROUND:

The Capitol Hill Restoration Society (CHRS) is one of the oldest civic organizations in Washington, D.C. The CHRS was formed in 1955 as an advocacy group with the goal of preserving the character and architecture of the Capitol Hill neighborhood. The CHRS's role is as a public forum for residents to promote and protect the predominately residential character of the community. One of the most significant achievements towards this goal was the successful placement of the Capitol Hill neighborhood on the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. Thereafter residents were required to obtain permission to make changes to the exterior of their houses. This ensures that the physical look of the houses reflects the historical integrity of the time period in which they were built.

For more information on the exhibit, contact Jennifer King at (202) 994-0628 or Jenking@gwu.edu.

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GW's ELLIOTT SCHOOL STRENGTHENS PROGRAM WITH NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

WASHINGTON – The George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs has announced new faculty members for the 2003-2004 academic year. The three visiting professors will add depth to two already strong programs: security policy studies, one of the fastest growing departments at the Elliott School; and Asian studies, the school's most fully developed program. The new faculty members are:

Kim Thachuk, visiting professor of international affairs, will considerably strengthen the notably popular concentration in transnational security issues in the security policy studies program. She comes to the Elliott School from the National Defense University, where she served as a senior fellow in charge of the terrorism, transnational security threats and homeland security activities at the Institute for National Security Studies. She is well known to Security Policy Studies students as the teacher of the introductory course in "Transnational Security Issues." In her new full-time position, she will teach several sections of that course, and will also give instruction in specific transnational security threats, while advising students concentrating in transnational security, and developing seminars, conferences and research activity in this critical area of security policy.

Itty Abraham, visiting professor of Asian studies and international affairs, a young scholar of exceptional promise, will join the Sigur Center for Asian Studies. Abraham's received his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign and is currently its program director for the South Asia, Southeast Asia and global security and cooperation programs at the Social Science Research Council. He will offer courses at the Elliott School on "South Asian Politics: Partition and its Legacy;" "Ethnic Conflict in South Asia;" "Political Economy in South Asia;" and Legacy of Colonialism in Asia."

Ellen Messer, visiting professor of anthropology and international affairs, most recently taught at Tufts School of Nutrition Science and Policy and was the director of the World Hunger Project at Brown University. Messer's long involvement in food policy research and on the links between food, religion and human rights is now finding a new direction in research on genetically modified foods from an anthropological and policy perspective. These studies will add a new dimension to development studies at the Elliott School. She will teach two undergraduate anthropology courses, "Human Rights and Ethics" and "Development Anthropology," and an undergraduate special topics course on "Food and Human Rights."

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**GW GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT RECEIVES
GRANT TO DEVELOP FIRST NATIONAL NETWORK OF ARABIC K-12 RESOURCES**

WASHINGTON – The George Washington University Graduate School of Education and Human Development (GSEHD) was recently awarded a three-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education to develop the country's first network for teachers and administrators of Arabic K-12 to share resources and expertise.

Over the past 20 years, the United States has experienced a marked increase in groups from the Arabic-speaking world. According to the 1990 U.S. Census, Arabic was the 13th largest spoken language in the country, and according to 2000 Census data, over 1.2 million Americans claim Arab ancestry. Since September 11, however, government agencies have had great difficulty finding people proficient in Arabic to assist in national security efforts. Despite the critical importance of the language to U.S. interests, there is little information about K-12 schools teaching Arabic.

"Right now, we don't know who is teaching Arabic K-12, to which students, where and at what levels, hindering the dissemination of effective materials and the development of curricula," said Anna Uhl Chamot, professor in GSEHD's Department of Teacher Preparation and Special Education and the grant's principal investigator. "The grant will allow us to create a clear, comprehensive picture of Arabic language teaching in the U.S., not only providing a great service to the Arabic language teaching field, but also serving the national interest."

Since a hub of resources currently does not exist, teachers of Arabic are continuously forced to create age and culturally appropriate materials. Further aggravating the situation is the fact that Arabic exists in both formal and dialect forms. This situation, known as diglossia, is approached with a focus on grammar in the Arab world. Since most K-12 teachers are trained in their home countries, their teaching approach conflicts with the expectations of U.S. foreign language classrooms, where language proficiency is emphasized.

To understand the needs of teachers and administrators and form an active network for the development and sharing of materials, GSEHD will: 1) conduct a survey of Arabic K-12 programs in public and private accredited full-day schools; 2) develop and maintain an Arabic K-12 materials archive housed at GW and available to the public; 3) create a Web site for teachers and administrators to share Arabic language and cultural teaching materials and evaluations; 4) develop an electronic mailing list to provide teachers, administrators, materials and curriculum developers the opportunity to share information; and 5) distribute a quarterly newsletter for teachers and administrators of Arabic K-12 with news about methods and resources.

The grant will be a joint effort between GSEHD and the Center for Applied Linguistics (CAL), a private, non-profit organization in D.C. The National Capital Language Resource Center, a collaboration between GW, CAL and Georgetown University, will provide resources to support the grant.

For more information on the GSEHD, contact Abby Strunk at (202) 994-4519 or astrunk@gwu.edu.

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**KOREAN AMERICAN LITERATURE THE TOPIC OF GW's 10th ANNUAL
HAHN MOO-SOOK COLLOQUIUM IN THE KOREAN HUMANITIES
OCTOBER 24 - 25**

EVENT: Tenth annual Hahn Moo-Sook (HMS) Colloquium in the Korean Humanities under the theme, "One Hundred Years of Korean American Literature," in recognition of the 2003 Korean American Centennial Commemoration. This year's colloquium is sponsored by The George Washington University's Department of East Asian Languages and Literatures and Sigur Center for Asian Studies, in cooperation with the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program (APAP) and National Museum of American History.

AGENDA: Friday, October 24, 2003, 6:30 p.m.
Carmichael Auditorium, National Museum of American History
12th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW
Readings by **Elaine Kim**, foremost Korean American and Asian American literary scholar, University of California, Berkeley; **Nora Okja Keller** author of *Comfort Woman* and *Fox Girl*; **Heinz Inzu Fenkl**, author of *Memories of My Ghost Brother* and *Kori*, the first Korean American anthology; and **Don Lee**, author of *Ploughshares* and editor, *Yellow: Stories*.

Saturday, October 25, 2003, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (9 a.m. registration)
The George Washington University
1957 E Street, NW, Room B12

Discussants: **Patricia Pei-Chang Chu**, associate professor of English at GW and **You-Me Park**, adjunct assistant professor of English at Georgetown University.

COST: Free and open to the public, but space is limited and reservations are required. Please contact Young-Key Kim-Renaud at (202) 994-7106, korea@gwu.edu.

BACKGROUND:

The HMS Colloquium in the Korean Humanities Series at GW provides a forum for academic discussion of Korean arts, history, language, literature, thought and religious systems in the context of East Asia and the world. The colloquium series is made possible by an endowment established by the estate of Hahn Moo-Sook, one of Korea's most honored writers, in order to uphold her spirit of openness, curiosity and education.

For further details on the Hahn Moo-Sook Colloquium in the Korean Humanities, please visit www.gwu.edu/~eall/special/.

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**GW CO-SPONSORS FREE TRAINING SESSION OPEN TO LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS
FEATURING DISABILITY AND EMPLOYMENT EXPERT
OCTOBER 22**

**Suzanne R. Gosden to Discuss Modifying the Workplace for People with Hidden Disabilities
Such as Psychiatric Impairments and Learning Disabilities**

EVENT: Suzanne R. Gosden of the Job Accommodation Network (JAN) will discuss "Workplace Accommodations for Persons with Hidden Disabilities," at the District of Columbia Business Leadership Network (DCBLN) quarterly network series meeting. The George Washington University, lead employer for the DCBLN, is co-sponsoring the meeting, along with SunTrust Bank and the Virginia and Maryland Business Leadership Networks.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 22, 2003
Networking – 8:30-9 a.m.
Program – 9 a.m.-noon

WHERE: 1725 I Street NW, 1st Floor – SunTrust Conference Center
Washington, D.C.

COST: Free and open to the public. Space is limited. To register, visit www.vabln.org.

BACKGROUND:

JAN is affiliated with the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment Policy. Gosden is a member of JAN's cognitive/neurological team and specializes in the areas of learning disabilities, mental retardation, epilepsy, autism and brain injuries.

This program has been approved for three recertification credit hours towards Professional in Human Resources and Senior Professional in Human Resources recertification through the Human Resources Certification Institute.

As DCBLN's lead employer, GW hosts this seminar series on a quarterly basis through its Office of Equal Employment Opportunity to educate businesses on the merits of hiring persons with disabilities. The quarterly sessions feature guest speakers who address best practices and other topics for employers interested in expanding the diversity of their staffs by hiring persons with disabilities. Feedback from past seminar attendees has been consistently positive about the quality of the speakers and the insight the series provides.

For more information about the seminar, call Cynthia Richardson-Crooks at (202) 994-9656.

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**“BLITHE SPIRIT” HAUNTS GW’s DOROTHY BETTS MARVIN THEATRE
OCTOBER 8-OCTOBER 12**

**The Improbable Farce in Three Acts, a Production of GW’s
Department of Theatre and Dance**

- EVENT:** “Blithe Spirit,” a play presented by The George Washington University’s Department of Theatre and Dance. An improbable farce in three acts, “Blithe Spirit” tells the story of an author who receives a ghostly visit from his late wife, who then makes things quite uncomfortable for him and his current wife.
- WHEN:** Wednesday, October 8, at 7:30 p.m. (Preview)
Thursday, October 9 – Saturday, October 11, at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 12, at 2 p.m.
- WHERE:** The George Washington University
Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre, Marvin Center 1st floor
800 21st Street, NW, Washington, D.C.
(Foggy Bottom-GWU Metro, Blue and Orange lines)
- COST:** \$5 – Preview rate for October 8 performance only;
\$8 – GW Students; \$10 – General Admission
Tickets are available on the Internet at www.gwu.edu/~theatre, by calling (202) 994-6178 or at the box office next to Dorothy Betts Marvin Theatre on the first floor of the Marvin Center at the following times:
Monday, October 6 – Friday, October 10, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.;
Wednesday, October 8 – Sunday, October 12, from 6:30 pm-7:30 pm; and
Sunday, October 12, from 1-2 p.m.
*Yearly subscriptions to GW Department of Theatre and Dance productions are also available.

BACKGROUND:

“Blithe Spirit” writer Noël Coward dubbed his work “an improbable farce in three acts.” In the play a widower (Charles) decides to host a séance as research for a novel he is writing. The dinner guests include Charles and his second wife, Ruth, another married couple and a local spiritualist. During the séance, the spiritualist conjures up the ghost of Charles’ first wife, Elvira, although he is the only one who can see her. Elvira enjoys creating havoc and proceeds to cause many hilarious problems for Charles and Ruth.

For more information, visit the GW Department of Theatre and Dance at www.gwu.edu/~theatre, call (202) 994-6178 or e-mail trdanews@gwu.edu.

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